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SUBJ: ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP

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1. AMBASSADOR AND DUTCH AMBASSADOR CALLED TOGETHER
APRIL 24 ON FOREIGN MINISTER (AND PRIME MINISTER)
ARRON OF SURINAM AND DELIVERED ORAL PRESENTATION PLUS
AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON REFTEL.

2. ARRON SAID THAT, IN HIS VIEW, SURINAM WAS ALREADY
A PARTY TO THE THREE CONVENTIONS UNDER THE TERMS OF
HIS NOTE OF NOVEMBER 29, 1975, IMMEDIATELY AFTER
SURINAM BECAME INDEPENDENT, TO THE SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE UN ANNOUNCING SURINAM'S SUCCESSION TO
ALL TREATY OBLIGATIONS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS
THEN IN FORCE, PROVIDED ONLY THAT THE KINGDOM OF THE
NETHERLANDS WAS, IN FACT, ITSELF A PARTY TO THE CONVENTIONS
ON THE DATE OF SURINAM'S INDEPENDENCE, NOVEMBER 25, 1975.
ON THE LATTER POINT, RECORDS WILL HAVE TO BE CHECKED AND
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3. ON QUESTION WHETHER GOS COULD, PROVIDED RESEARCH
CONFIRMS ITS SUCCESSION TO CONVENTIONS, NOTIFY DEPOSITARY
AUTHORITIES TO THAT EFFECT, ARRON SAID THAT THIS
WOULD CAUSE DIFFICULTY, BECAUSE SINGLING OUT THREE
AMONG SEVERAL HUNDRED TREATIES FOR SUCH SPECIFIC

TREATMENT MIGHT TEND TO CAST DOUBT ON SURINAM'S
SUCCESSION TO OTHER TREATIES, WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND
IT WOULD TAKE A VERY LONG TIME BEFORE THE GOS COULD
VERIFY ALL OF THE TREATIES CONCERNED AND NOTIFY ALL
DEPOSITARIES. ARRON DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT GOS MIGHT
REPLY TO NETHERLANDS-US DEMARCHE ALONG LINES FIRST
SENTENCE PARA 2 ABOVE, AND THE LATTER COULD THEN REPORT
THIS TO THE CONTACT GROUP WHICH MIGHT ADVISE THE
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES HENCEFORTH TO CARRY SURINAM
AS A PARTY TO THE CONVENTIONS. HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH
LATER ON THIS.

4. MEANWHILE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THIS EMBASSY TO
KNOWN WHETHER THREE CONVENTIONS WERE IN FORCE FOR THE
KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS ON NOVEMBER 25, 1975 AND
WHETHER THERE WERE ANY RESTRICTIVE TERMS WHICH MIGHT HAVE
ADVERSELY AFFECTED SURINAM'S SUCCESSION ON INDEPENDENCE.
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